

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL
JEFFREY COLE, USMC

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I ask the House to recognize the service and sacrifice of Lance Corporal Jeffrey Cole, a Marine from Woodstock, Georgia. Although just twenty years old, this young man has already earned a place in the ranks of America's beloved veterans.

Growing up, Jeffrey Cole saw the examples of his family members who had served in the Army and Air Force. So it is no surprise that while attending Woodstock High School in Georgia's Sixth District, he prepared for his own military service as a member of the school's JROTC unit. After graduation in 2009, Cole became the first member of his family to enlist in the United States Marine Corps, where he attained the rank of Lance Corporal.

This past July, duty called. Lance Corporal Cole said goodbye to friends, family, and his young wife Brandi and deployed to Afghanistan. Just a month later, his unit was ambushed while on patrol and came under heavy fire. During this attack, Cole was hit six times—twice in the front, once in the back, once on his side, and twice in his left arm. Although Cole's flak jacket thankfully stopped the rounds to his front and back, severe nerve damage and a severed artery have left him with almost no feeling in his arm.

Lance Corporal Cole has now undergone several surgeries to repair his arm, although only time will tell if he will ever regain its use. Yet despite these wounds, his main concern is about his fellow soldiers still in harm's way. It cannot be said strongly enough—this young man has earned the thanks, admiration, and respect of every single American.

Choosing to don the uniform of this country is one of the most selfless and honorable decisions an American can make. Jeffrey Cole could have taken many paths in life, but he chose to join our military and give back to the country that he loves. It is because of the service and sacrifices made by him and his fellow service members and veterans that Americans can live free of the oppression and terror experienced by so many around the world today.

Lance Corporal Cole will soon return to his family and friends in Woodstock, where the Legionnaires of American Legion Post 316 will live up to their motto as veterans "Still Serving America" by hosting our whole community in giving Jeffrey the heartfelt welcome and "Thank You" he deserves. He has carried out his duty with courage and commitment, and it is my distinct honor to welcome him back home.

May God Bless Lance Corporal Jeffrey Cole, our troops still on the front lines, and all our veterans for their countless sacrifices in defense of this great nation.

SOUTH ALABAMA HONOR FLIGHT
FOUR ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON,
DC

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

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Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Honor Flight South Alabama and the World War II veterans this very special organization is bringing on its fourth flight to Washington, DC on September 22, 2010.

Founded by the South Alabama Veterans Council, Honor Flight South Alabama is an organization whose mission is to fly heroes from southwest Alabama to see their national memorial.

Over six decades have passed since the end of World War II and, regrettably, it took nearly this long to complete work on the memorial that honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and the more than 400,000 who died. Sadly, many veterans did not live long enough to hear their country say "thank you," yet for those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—opportunity to see the National World War II Memorial, which honors their service and sacrifice.

This Honor Flight begins at dawn when the veterans will gather at historic Fort Whiting in Mobile and travel to Mobile Regional Airport to board a chartered flight to Washington. During their time in their Nation's capital, the veterans will visit the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and other memorials.

The veterans will return to Mobile Regional Airport that evening, where some 1,000 people are expected to greet them.

Madam Speaker, the September 22 journey of heroes from South Alabama is an appropriate time for us to pause and thank them—and all of the soldiers who fought in World War II—for they collectively—and literally—saved the world. They personify the very best America has to offer, and I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to their selfless devotion to our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

I salute each of the veterans who made the trip to Washington. May we never forget their valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices: Victor Adams, Edward Adler, William Barnes, James Botts, Shelby Brooks, Ollen Burnette, Jr., Marion Bush, Edward Case, Robert Chapman, William Chavis, John Coulter, Leon Davidson, Gerald Davidson, Henry Day, William Day, John Duncan, James Duncan, Jr., Joseph Duteil, Jr., Julius Eardley, James Early, Robert Engel, Claudie Feagin, Jr., Osburn Flener, Joseph Garner, John Garrard, Jr., Thomas Grace, Samuel Graham, Francis Gregory, Daniel Gunther, Joe Harper, Roy Harris, James Hathcock, Jr., William Heard, Jr., Robert Hensel, James Holloway, Charles Holloway, William Hooper, Vinson Huegele, William Isbell, Henry Jackson, Elystan Jeffreys, Jack Jones, Roy Le Drew, Lawrence Lockhart, John Loper, Reginald Loper, John Luker, Percy Maynard, James McDonough, Jr., T. McIntyre, George McPherson, John Medynski, Richard Meyers, William Morris, Charles Murphy, John Nichols, Dwayne Nickerson, Robert Nicks, Chester Noble, Orin

Parker, Jr., Helen Pearson, Robert Philips, Walter Prodouze, Harry Read, Nelson Richardson, Thomas Robinson, Leonard Rose, John Rouse, Columbus Sanders, Jr., Robert P. Scott, Robert T. Scott, William Simpson, Jr., John Sims, Anthony Skivo, Jr., Norman Snyder, Cecil Sossaman, Sr., Thomas Southall, Floyd Stahl, Bernie Steele, Lloyd Stennett, Harold Stevens, Sr., William Summersgill, Cecil Tanner, Albert Thompson, Frank Tindall, Roger Turnquist, James VanDevender, Lambert Waltman, Orville Wenzel, Sr., Clarence Wheeler, David Whitten, Thomas Wilson, Robert Wilson, Sr., Harold Winger, and Keith Winkler.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND
OPENING OF THE FISHER HOUSE
OF THE EMERALD COAST

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast and the courageous men and women of Northwest Florida who have answered the nation's call to defend our freedom and way of life.

Founded in 1990 by Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher, the Fisher House Foundation has helped open the doors at 48 locations, which serve as a home away from home for our nation's hospitalized military personnel, veterans, and their families. The Fisher House of the Emerald Coast joins 20 years of dedicated service to the mission of continually improving the quality of life for our servicemembers.

Our military is the best in the world due to the selfless sacrifice of the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families. So much is asked of them, and the Fisher House seeks to extend a helping hand and grateful heart when needed most. By providing housing for wounded servicemembers and their families at no cost, the Fisher House Foundation enables family members to be close to a loved one during their treatment.

Madam Speaker, we owe a debt of gratitude to our Armed Forces' courageous members and families; to that end, I applaud the Fisher House for their continued support of our wounded warriors. On behalf of the United States Congress, I commend the community members of Northwest Florida who have worked tirelessly to make the opening of the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast a reality.

RECOGNIZING JAMIE KONSTAS,
RECIPIENT OF THE SERVICE TO
AMERICA MEDALS, JUSTICE AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDAL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize FBI Intelligence Analyst Jamie Konstas for receiving a Service to America Medal for Justice and Law Enforcement.

As a leader of the national initiative to combat the exploitation of children through prostitution, Ms. Konstas works with the Innocence